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SUBJECT: ASIA FOUNDATION (TAF) - COMMENTS ON REVIEW PANEL FINDINGS

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1. MISSION CONCURS IN TAF REVIEW PANEL'S FINDINGS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS STATED PARAS 4 AND 6 REFTEL.

2. RE PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES LIKELY TO BE OPEN TO TAF OVER
NEXT FIVE YEARS, THOSE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAS 8.A THROUGH F. ARE
APPLICABLE TO ROC. OF THESE, WE WOULD NOTE FIRST THAT SUBPARAS
A. AND E. DESCRIBE BROAD OBJECTIVES WHILE OTHERS ARE ESSENTIALLY
TECHNIQUES FOR ACHIEVING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. OF THE FORMER,
WE WOULD GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO PROMOTION OF BROADER INVOLVEMENT
OF PRIVATE AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND
POLITICAL PROCESSES (SUBPARA A), AND SECOND PLACE TO ASSISTING
EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENT,
AND PROVINCIAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (SUBPARA
E). IN THE CATEGORY OF TECHNIQUES, WE BELIEVE THOSE DESCRIBED
IN SUBPARAS C. AND D. ARE PARTICULARLY WORTHY OF CONTINUED
EMPHASIS IN ROC; WE WOULD ASSIGN RELATIVELY LOW PRIORITY TO
B. AND WOULD PLACE F. AT BOTTOM OF THE LIST.

3. FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF CURRENT TAF PROJECTS WHICH WE
CONSIDER ILLUSTRATIVE OF PARTICULAR STRENGTHS FOR ROC PROGRAMMING
ALONG LINES DESCRIBED BY REVIEW PANEL:

(A) KAOHSIUNG FU-TSE SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER. THIS CENTER, WHICH
IS COMPLETELY PRIVATE AND VOLUNTARY, ESTABLISHED A WOMEN'S
SERVICE SECTION A YEAR AGO. THE SECTION HAS OPENED A TELEPHONE

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COUNSELING SERVICE FOR WOMEN, CONDUCTS MONTHLY "AWARENESS"

SEMINARS, AND OFFERS A REGULAR TRAINING PROGRAM IN FEMALE LEADERSHIP SKILLS. SOOE SIXTY-FIVE VOLUNTEER COUNSELLORS AND DISCUSSION GROUP LEADERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN THE PAST YEAR, AND THE PROGRAM IS BRANCHING OUT TO GIRLS' SCHOOLS. THE CENTER ITSELF PROVIDES OFFICE SPACE, STAFF ASSISTANCE AND ALL OPERATING COSTS. TAF'S GRANT OF \$3,600 IS USED TO PAY FOR ADVISERS AND TO PARTIALLY COVER THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM COSTS.

(B) AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COMMITTEE, NATIONAL CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY - BEGINNING WITH THE SUMMER OF 1976, TAF IS PROVIDING A TOTAL OF \$24,500 OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD TO THIS COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIAL INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION PROGRAM IN TAICHUNG COUNTY. THE FOUNDATION'S GRANT WILL COVER SURVEY AND PRE- AND POST-EVALUATIONS OF AIDED AND CONTROLLED VILLAGES, TRAINING AND EXTENSION WORK, AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE. THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS CONTRIBUTING \$5,200 A YEAR FOR THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

THE IDEA BEHIND THIS GRANT IS TO ENABLE A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION TO PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA OF ITS CAMPUS. AT PRESENT THE CHUNG HSING PROGRAM IS THE ONLY UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED EXTENSION PROGRAM ON THE ISLAND. THROUGH THE COMMITTEE, TECHNICAL SERVICES ARE OFFERED TO REQUESTING VILLAGES, TRAINING PROGRAMS IN FARM MANAGEMENT ARE CONDUCTED ON-SITE, UNIVERSITY ADVISERS TRAVEL THROUGH THE VILLAGES AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH PROVIDING ON-THE-SPOT CONSULTATION, AND A SIMPLE NEWSLETTER IS DISTRIBUTED. SPECIAL EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THIS PROJECT IS INTENDED TO BE A PILOT FOR OTHER AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTERS AND COLLEGES ON TAIWAN. A SPECIAL SESSION ON THIS PROGRAM AND ITS POSSIBILITIES FOR REPLICATION WILL BE HELD AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS IN TAIWAN LATE IN DECEMBER.

(C) PING-LIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER - TAF HAS GRANTED \$7,946 TO THE COMMUNITY KEY TO HEALTH ASSOCIATION, A PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION, TO INITIATE A COMMUNITY TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE PING-LIN AREA OF TAIPEI COUNTY. THE FOUNDATION'S GRANT COVERS THE SALARIES OF A SUPERVISER AND NURSE FOR ONE YEAR, LOCAL TRAVEL, AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS AND SECOND-LINE DRUGS FOR SPECIAL CASES. THE COMMUNITY ITSELF

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PROVIDES AN OFFICE AND A ROOM AT THE LOCAL POLICE STATION FOR DISCUSSIONS AND LECTURES.

THIS GRANT WAS MADE BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY-EDUCATION APPROACH TO A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM BY A PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCY, AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN THE PROGRAM. VOLUNTEERS MAKE REGULAR HOUSE VISITS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR TB DETECTION AND FOR FOLLOW-UP SERVICES. VOLUNTEERS ALSO GO INTO THE LOCAL SCHOOLS

TO PROVIDE EDUCATION ABOUT TB PREVENTION AND CONTROL. THE
EMPHASIS IS ON DISEASE PREVENTION THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS.
AS SUCH IT SUPPLEMENTS THE TREATMENT PROGRAMS OF THE LOCAL
HEALTH STATION.
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